This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a metabolic or autoimmune disorder in a human or veterinary patient, said method comprising the steps of
  - (A) administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the formula:

wherein:

 $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  each represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$  acyl group;  $R_4$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group;

R<sub>5</sub> represents a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>21</sub> alkyl group or a C<sub>6</sub> or C<sub>,0</sub> aryl group;

R<sub>6</sub> represents a hydrogen atom; and

R represents the residue of an amino acid or a linear peptide of up to from 2 to 6 amino acid residues. Furthermore, at least one of the residues may be optionally substituted with a lipophilic group through an ester or amide bond; and n is 1 and 2; and

- (B) administering to the patient a natural or synthetic compound that comprises a flavone, flavonoid, isoflavone or a derivative, prodrug or congener thereof.
- 2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP.
- 3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP-A.
- 4. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP and GMDP-A.
- 5. (Original) A method according to Claim 4 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP and GMDP-A in separate doses at separate times.
- 6. (Original) A method according to any of Claims 1-5 wherein the compound is administered enterally.
- 7. (Original) A method according to any of Claims 1-5 wherein the compound is administered parenterally.
- 8. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered intranasally.
- 9. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered sublingually.
- 10. (Orginal) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered by buccal administration.
- 11. (Cancelled)

- 12. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 11 1 wherein Step A and Step B are carried out substantially simultaneously.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 11 1 wherein Step A and Step B are carried out at different times.
- 14. (Original) A method according to Claim 12 wherein the compound of Step A and the compound of Step B are administered in a fixed dosage combination pharmaceutical preparation.
- 15. (Cancelled)